GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Promotion of Traditional Sports in Himalayan Region
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organise annual sports events in Himalayan region to promote unique/ traditional sports of various States along the Himalayan region and neighbouring countries;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the categories of sports identified for the purpose;
(c) the details of funds allocated/utilized by the Government to identify and promote such sports in the Himalayan region and set up requisite sports infrastructure for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and
(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote these sports?
ANSWER

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (d) Finance Minister has, while presenting the Union Budget for 2014-15 on 10.07.2014, made certain specific announcements as part of his budget speech on new schemes/programmes, specific allocation, etc. for implementation during the current fiscal. He made the following announcement:-
"Unique sports traditions have developed in the Himalayan region in the countries and the states that are a part of it. To promote these, India will start an annual event to promote these games and would invite countries such as Nepal and Bhutan also to participate in addition to the Indian states such as J&K, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and the North Eastern States."
In order to implement the above announcement of the Hon'ble Finance Minister, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has decided to organise annual sports event in the Himalayan Region and a scheme namely Himalayan Region Sports Festival (HRSF) has been formulated.
Competitions will be conducted in following sports disciplines:
(i) Archery (v) Judo
(ii) Athletics (vi) Taekwondo
(iii) Boxing (vii) Wrestling
(iv) Football (viii) Fencing
In addition, demonstration/exhibition of indigenous games & martial arts, most popular in the State/Country will also be organized.
First HRSF was allotted to Government of Assam, which was expected to be organized at Guwahati in the month of February, 2016. However, first HRSF could not be organised as 12th South Asian Games were held at Guwahati during the period from 05.02.2016 to 16.02.2016. The first HRSF is expected to be organized in the current financial year, 2016-17.
Annual financial implication for organizing HRSF has been estimated at Rs. 5 crore.
Rs. 1.27 crore has been released during 2014-15 to the Government of Assam for doing the preparatory work.
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